

LOCAL NEWS.

CONSIDERABLE sickness with typhoid fever is reported from William Penn.

YESTERDAY, being the first Friday, was wash day with the fire department.

GINS are beginning to run on half time, an indication that cotton gathering is rapidly drawing to a close.

THE Bellville Times says the top crop of candidates for county offices in Austin next year promises to be a big one.

LOVERS of the diamond are indulging in preliminary discussions looking to the securing of a baseball team another season.

THE Progressive Domino Club held an interesting meeting Friday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Giddings.

THERE are an abundance of ducks on the outlying ponds and streams and crack shots are reveling in the choicest sport of the shooting season.

MR. W. A. LYON, of Somerville, spent yesterday in the metropolis and paid the BANNER a pleasant visit while doing the city.

THE celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the old Dutch church of Washington Irving's "Sleepy Hollow" reminds us that as a nation we are not so young.

THE Marshall Messenger says that Mr. Johnson has returned from Winsboro with his bride. Who knows but that the lady may originate another edition of "Mr. Johnson, turn me loose."

THE old reliable firm of Brockschmidt & Hohl chateaus the purchasing public in an entertaining way in this issue. Read their list of questions, answer them to your satisfaction, and the firm will be satisfied.

FENCE cutters destroyed the wire fence around the premises of Mrs. Bessie Cleveland near Salem Wednesday night. The affair has been reported to the officers and an investigation will be had.

THE Galveston News ran the proceedings of the Navasota District Conference under the head of "Sheriff's Department" in Friday's issue. This seems to be a union of church and State to some extent. All makeups go on a jamboree occasionally.

MESSRS. WM. WADE and Jas. Kennedy, of Union Grove, were in the city Friday night in attendance on the regular meeting of the Knights of the Maccabees. These gentlemen are prosperous farmers and are members of the school board in their neighborhood.

IN Graber's show window there is a handsome gold watch attached to which is a card reading: "This handsome gold filled watch is valued at \$32.50 and will be reduced in price fifty cents a day until sold." Of course the longer you wait the cheaper the price of the watch, but in the meantime the other fellow may take a notion to purchase, so that you'd better not wait too long.

OUR young friend, Tom Holland, of Brenham, went to Dallas wearing the State championship medal for the best tennis player on his left side, and he returned several days later wearing the medal on his right side. This was the only change made. He met tennis ability of the northwest from first-class to crackerjack and won out hands down. In the "loves" of tennis Tom is superb, yet in the old-fashioned sort—but this is another sort of "racket" that won't do to serve.—Bellville Times.

THERE is plenty of cotton yet unsold to insure an abundance of Christmas money, and merchants will find advertising as a means to an end in securing some of it.

FURNITURE FACTORY FIGHT.

THE "SANDER" AND "SLASHER" FLY AT EACH OTHER'S THROATS.

Joe Griffin and Morris Rumsey Engage in a Several Round Go to Decide Which the Best Man.

There were lively times out at the Brenham Furniture Factory Saturday morning, and don't you forget it.

The executive committee of the Republican party of the State of Texas in convention assembled could hardly have made more noise. Joe Griffin holds the position of "sander" for the institution and Morris Rumsey holds down the job of "slasher," and of course it follows that Joe furnished the "sand" and Morris did the "slashing." It may also be stated that both men possessed an abundance of "sand" and each was superabundantly slashed.

The men had several words before they fell out, and the first round of the contest resembled the preliminary wind-jamming in which Corbett and Fitz at one time engaged. The initial round occurred down stairs. In it each man expressed his views of the other in language that bristled with the grim visaged war that was to follow.

After the upstairs was reached active hostilities were at once begun. Griffin began the engagement by firing a broadside into his opponent in the shape of 2x4

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IF SO A KODAK.

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All kinds of Hand Cameras and Kodaks \$5 UP

Call and examine the views taken by some of the amateurs about town.

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All Sorts of Wheels. All Sorts of Prices.

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oak scantling which took effect on Rumsey's crown, and made a gash two and one half inches long, standard measurement. Griffin struck with such force that the concussion carried him off his feet, and before he could recover, Rumsey was up and at him. Both men fought for possession of the scantling, for blood and general results. In the brain spattering art of war each seemed an expert, and the workshop resounded with the noise of the carnage. Tobe Mormon, "Jack-lad" and Fischer tried to organize an international board of arbitration, but were endangered in their negotiations by the flying furniture and lumber, and were finally forced to abandon their machines and retreat to places of safety. From behind the breastwork of the heavier machinery they watched the combat until the fight was declared a draw by the appearance of Manager Maddox.

Both men were covered with blood and bruises, and each was forced to take half-holiday and lay off for repairs.

THE cotton fields around Brenham have been almost stripped of the staple, and the gathering of the crop is about completed.

DRAWING TO A CLOSE.

The Navasota District Conference Will Adjourn Today.

The last day's service for the Navasota district conference has been reached, the session closing with tonight service.

The announcements for today are: Sunday school 9 a. m.; conference love feast at 10:15; preaching at 11 a. m. by Dr. O. I. Jones, Sunday school agent. Preaching at 3 p. m. by Rev. W. E. Hutcherson, followed by the administering of the Lord's supper by the presiding elder. Preaching at night by Rev. Jno. Mann.

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Saturday's proceedings were very interesting. The convention met at 9 o'clock with Rev. W. M. Duncan in the chair and proceeded with the regular routine.

Licenses to a number of local preachers and exhorters in the district were granted.

At 11 o'clock President Dogan lectured on the needs of the ministry and was listened to with marked attention.

The Clerks Kick.

The order from postal headquarters requiring railway mail clerks to collect the mail deposited in the letter box at the Union depot is being made the subject of a vigorous kick on the part of the aforesaid clerks. Twice already the Central train has been stopped after getting under headway to prevent leaving the mail clerk behind. It looks to a disinterested observer like the clerk takes a great deal more time than necessary in collecting the letters. He evidently figures that if the conductor reports him for delaying the train the objectionable order will be rescinded. The order is the basis of a great convenience to those with letters to mail and should be allowed to stand in spite of the clerk's objection.

A little child of J. R. Hays, living near Colquitt, Ga., overturned a pot of boiling water, scalding itself so severely that the skin came off its breast and limbs. The distressed parents sent to Mr. Bush, a merchant of Colquitt for a remedy, and he promptly forwarded Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Another application or two made it sound and well. For sale R. E. Lubn.

Tramp Gets a Judgment.

According to a decision of the court of appeals, handed down Monday morning at Kansas City, a brakeman has no right to put a tramp off a train while the train is in motion. A brakeman put off Lewis Brennan, who was stealing a ride between two freight cars on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad, near Carrollton, Mo., and the company will have to pay \$1,000 on account of it. Brennan lost a foot when put off, and he sued the company. The circuit court of Carroll county gave him a verdict of \$1,000, and the court of appeals affirmed the decision.

Hundred and Nineteen Years Old.

Aunt Mary Pitts, the oldest person in Brazos county, if not the oldest in the State, died in Bryan Friday morning at the advanced age of 119 years. Her age had been traced up and it is authentic. Her memory was undimmed, and to hear her tell of the times and changes that have been wrought since she was a child sounded more like a romance than reality. She survived her last child, a son, who died last winter at the ripe old age of 78.

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SOME RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

A HALF LOAF IS BETTER THAN NO LOAF AT ALL.

A Crumb of Comfort From the Santa Fe About Ready to Fall—End of the Division in Sight.

Brenham wanted the general shops of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad now being established at Cleburne and offered liberal inducements for securing them at the time it was decided to locate them at the above city.

Failing to secure the coveted plum the sights of our expectations were lowered a notch or two, and a long, strong pull and a pull altogether was made for a freight terminal which would make our city the half-way house between Temple and Galveston. A liberal bonus was offered the management. Their demand for a hundred acres of land and free water was complied with, and still the matter hung fire, and is still hanging the same way.

Of course great bodies, like the G. C. & S. F. management, move slowly and cautiously, and we may yet secure those things which last spring we so ardently coveted. Indeed the signs of the times and the shadows of coming events indicate that our chances were never brighter.

A railroad man who seemed to speak by the card, but who prefers to remain incog for obvious reasons, is confident that a change in the operation of trains between this place and Springer is pending. The change, he says, will make a direct daily service on the Conroe branch and enable the company to build up a through passenger traffic by making connection with the Houston East and West Texas at Springer and landing passengers in Brenham in time for trains on the main line. Under the present regime, with an all night wait at Navasota, in either direction, it is impossible for the company to hope for anything more than a doubtful local passenger traffic, which is itself retarded by the present schedule. As it is now Navasota occupies the peculiar position of being both ends of the road so to speak, in that in order to get from Brenham to Springer or vice versa, you have to spend the night in Navasota and take a fresh start the next day. In the opinion of our informant when trains are operated direct from this place to Springer the machine shops will be located here.

Strayed or Stolen

From the undersigned, while fishing on the Yegua, Monday night, November 1st, one dark brown mare mule, about 12 years old, branded B on left shoulder. A liberal reward will be paid for her recovery. Address, Ed. MAELLENBERNDT, Brenham, Texas.

Tells an Interesting Story.

Mr. Creston Clarke and a strong company of twenty artists, headed by the charming young actress, Miss Adelaide Prince, will present a new four act romantic drama, "The Last of His Race," at the Grand early next month. "The Last of His Race" tells an interesting story, in dialogue that is compact and forcible, and is emphasized by situations and climaxes that are dramatic and striking. "The Last of His Race" is a romantic melodrama of the class which seems to have come into popular favor again after being for some years out of fashion. It is an exciting story of love and adventure, of a handsome and poor young hero who is the object of a villain's hatred, and the schemes of a jealous rival. And although we feel sure that in the end he and his lady-love will triumph over all their enemies, yet the plot is so complicated that the interest is kept upon the tender hooks of anxiety, and not until the final scene do we see how the persecuted pair can be released from the complex web of misfortune that surrounds them.

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LAID TO REST.

Last Sad Rites at the Grave of Mrs. Wilkins.

The mortal remains of Mrs. Beersheba Wilkins, the beloved consort of Mayor Jas. A. Wilkins, were deposited in their final resting place at Prairie Lea cemetery Friday morning. The funeral took place from the family residence at the intersection of Douglass and Vulcan streets and was conducted by Rev. George S. Tumlin, who was telegraphed for from San Antonio, where he was attending the Baptist State convention. The west parlor of the residence where the departed lay in her last sleep was a bower of exquisite blossoms—their dainty petals and sweet fragrance hiding the presence of the grim reaper whose name is death. The elegant casket was covered with floral pieces and the mantels, tables and cabinets were banked with bloom. The concourse of sorrowing and sympathizing friends who assembled at the residence to honor the dead and comfort the living was of such magnitude that many stood in the front yard with bowed and bared heads during the solemn service, the commodious residence being inadequate in capacity for their entrance.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. M. A. Healy, Alex. Simon, H. C. McIntyre, H. K. Harrison, Heber Stone, B. Eldridge, John R. Ralston and John G. Rankin. After their duties were performed, the funeral cortege wound its way to the cemetery, being augmented on the way by many who were not in attendance on the services at the residence. The procession was one of the longest ever seen in Brenham on a similar occasion. At the cemetery the vast throng bent above the new made grave and paid the pulseless dust a tribute of its love, covering the casket with flowers and disguising the heaped up mound with the same tender tokens, typical not only of the heavenly rest into which she had entered where the season of flowers never ends, but also that her devoted and unselfish life stands out as a bright recollection of all that is beautiful and true to guide others to the hallowed shrine of the World's Redeemer in whom she placed her trust.

A French savant says love is a disease. And we might add, it is contagious.

A Wonderful Discovery.

The last quarter of a century records many wonderful discoveries in medicine, but none that have accomplished more for humanity than that sterling old remedy, Brown's Iron Bitters. It seems to contain the very elements of good health, and neither man, woman or child can take it without deriving the greatest benefit. For sale by R. E. Lubn, Sole Agent.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Taken up by H. J. Neinst, Long Point, Texas, one brown stag, 12 or 15 years old, brand blotched, marked crop off left ear, and overbit in right ear, appraised at \$10. Estrayed before W. R. Ewing, justice of the peace, precinct No. 3, Washington county.

O. A. SEWARD, County Clerk.

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THOUGH cotton is selling at less than 5 cents, remarks the Lockhart Register, most planters will plant all they can cultivate next year, and take less than present prices. It is now below the price of production, and yet there are some so foolish as to advise people to plant every foot of land in the fleecy staple, giving as a reason that it is the only thing which can be grown in this country that will bring ready money. The only way out of this trouble is to do as this paper all along has advised, which is to grow all possible at home which is needed or can be used, and let cotton be the surplus crop. The man with corn, oats, meat, lard and a few milk cows has a living, and if out of debt whatever he gets for his cotton can be laid up or invested. Go ahead and do just as you like, but if this country is ever prosperous it will be brought about by a diversity of crops.

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Narcotic, always reliable. Laxative and
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THE usual services will be held at the Methodist church today, with preaching morning and evening by the pastor, Rev. E. P. Newsom. Members are specially requested to be present, and the general public is cordially invited.

THE jury in the Charles A. H. Scholtz murder case at Giddings Friday returned a verdict of murder in the second degree and assessed punishment at thirty-five years. Scholtz, it will be remembered, killed his wife's brother about four years ago, and fled the country, going to Central America, but came back and was arrested at Houston two months ago.

MRS. ELLEN VIRGINIA CARROLL, wife of Rev. B. H. Carroll, D. D., died at Waco Friday. Mrs. Carroll was born in Mississippi, and married Dr. Carroll in Caldwell, Tex., in 1866. Mrs. Carroll was distinguished in religious circles, and her death will be a cause of sorrow throughout the State.

EVEN the theatrical managers in New York are compelled to make assignments on account of the great sluices of "McKinley prosperity" which is now being forced (?) upon the country.

THERE was a knock down and drag out in the vicinity of the Dixie Saloon Saturday night.

A LITTLE christmas advertising along about now will prove seed sown in good ground.

SOMEHOW the people of Texas regard the gubernatorial aspirations of the lieutenant governor in a jesting way. He's a Jester anyway.

Three Valuable Books Given Away.

"ART AND FANCY WORK," "NURSERY RHYMES," "HOME DYING."

Mrs. Nell Daggett, editor of The Home, has published a new edition of her popular book, "Fancy Work and Art Decorations," that gives practical illustrations for making dollies, table covers, scarfs, tray cloths, pin cushions, etc., etc., with fifty illustrations. This book, together with "Nursery Rhymes" (a 16-page pamphlet with a handsome colored cover design of the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe), to any reader of the BANNER who forwards the following coupon to Wells, Richardson & Co., Burlington, Vt.

COUPON.
This entitles any reader of the BANNER to one copy of "Fancy Work and Art Decorations," "Nursery Rhymes" and "Successful Home Dyeing."

The above liberal offer is made to advertise the old reliable Diamond Dyes, and to get their book upon home dyeing into the hands of women who want to dress well by making their old clothing look like new. Diamond Dyes have special dyes for cotton, different from those that are used for wool, and are the only package dyes on the market that can be relied upon to give colors that will not fade or crack. The fact that Diamond Dyes have been the standard home dyes for nearly twenty years, and that their sale increases from year to year, is proof positive that they have never had an equal.